

Proposal Subject:	Continuing Education Requirement for Licensed Shellfish Harvesters
Specific NSSP Guide Reference:	NSSP Guide Section II. Model Ordinance Chapter VIII. Control of Shellfish Harvesting @.01 Control of Shellstock Growing Areas
Text of Proposal/ Requested Action	<p>C. Licensing of Harvesting</p> <p>(1) The Authority shall assure that a license is required to commercially harvest shellstock, including shellstock harvested from aquaculture.</p> <p>(2) Each license shall:</p> <p>(a) Not be valid for more than one year;</p> <p><u>(b) Require the harvester to complete 3 hours annually of continuing education hours to attain a harvester license from the Authority. Continuing Education hours could include attendance at ISSC meetings, attendance at regional shellfish sanitation conferences, attendance at regional shellfish association meetings, or any other conference or meeting approved by the Authority.</u></p> <p>(b)(c) Require the harvester to sell only to dealers listed on the Interstate Certified Shellfish Shippers List; and</p> <p>(e)(d) Allow the harvester, at his discretion, to place shellstock in containers for transport of shellstock from a growing area to land or to a dealer.</p>
Public Health Significance:	This requirement will better inform licensed shellfish harvesters of new guidelines set forth in the NSSP.
Cost Information (if available):	The cost would include registration fee and certification certificate for the licensed harvester to attend a continuing education course.
Action by 2009 Task Force II	Recommended referral of Proposal 09-211 to an appropriate committee as determined by the Conference Chairman.
Action by 2009 General Assembly	Adopted recommendation of 2009 Task Force II on Proposal 09-211.
Action by USFDA 02/16/2010	Concurred with Conference action on Proposal 09-211.
Action by 2011 Education Committee	<p>Recommended no action on Proposal 09-211.</p> <p>Rationale: Every state has certification requirements which include demonstration of knowledge through experience or education. No further education requirement is needed at this time.</p>
Action by 2011 Task Force II	Tabled consideration of Proposal 09-211 until Wednesday, October 5, 2011.
Additional Action by 2011 Task Force II	<p>Recommended adoption of Education Committee recommendation of no action on Proposal 09-211.</p> <p>Rationale: This proposal is addressed in Proposal 09-212.</p>
Action by 2011 General Assembly	Adopted recommendation of 2011 Task Force II on Proposal 09-211.

**Action by FDA
February 26, 2012**

Concurred with Conference action on Proposal 09-211.